

THE TAYLOR STEAL.

Outrage Attempted by Democrats of That County.

THE COUNTY COURT RECOUNT

Declaring the Election of Bent After Brohard had Received a Majority of 81 on the face of the Returns—The Illegality of the Proceedings of the County Court Plainly set Forth—A Palpable Fraud.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—There never was a more barefaced or bolder theft attempted in any state of the Union than the one attempted by certain Democrats of this county, and men who should be heartily ashamed of themselves are giving aid and comfort to this outrage.

The returns made by the commissioners and clerks conducting the election show that H. F. Brohard was elected to the legislature by a majority of 81 votes, and these returns are prima facie correct, and upon them the county clerk would declare the result of the election if nothing were done to show that they were erroneous. These returns would entitle the person, so shown to be elected, to his office and the county clerk fail or refuse to act. Then, let it be borne in mind, Brohard is entitled to his seat. But Mr. Dent appeared before the county court, sitting as a canvassing board, and demanded a recount of the ballots. This he had a perfect right to do.

A recount was made. The canvassing board consisted of two members only, and they did not agree upon the result of the recount. One of them elected that upon the recent election, elected by a majority while the other certifies that the returns made by the commissioners conducting the election are correct, and therefore that Brohard has 81 majority. Hence the result of the recount amounts to nothing, and the returns as made by the commissioners and clerks holding the election must stand, in the absence of a recount. The party could have appeared before the county court while the recount was being made and have excepted to any ruling or count made, and could even have made every ballot a part of the record by proper bills of exception, and have had the action of the canvassing board reviewed by an appellate court, but this was not done.

We have simply the returns of the election officers, the demand for a recount and the action of the county court disagreeing as to the result. Why should Dent be seated upon the certificate of one member of the county court, and Brohard denied his seat when he holds the same kind of a certificate and the certificate of the election officers in addition thereto. The Register correspondent from here intentionally mis-states the facts when he says the recount shows that Dent was elected. The fact is, as the records show, that the county court, sitting as canvassers, never adjourned sine die. One member entered upon the record his notion of what should be there, signed it, and handed it to the state. The other member did not sign it, and refused to do so. The legal status under our statute is that the board stands adjourned from day to day for want of a quorum. (See Sec. 88, Chap. 3, of the Code.) This record has to be "signed by the board, or a majority thereof." Sec. 69 of the Code.

The Republicans seeing the difficulties which would arise under these circumstances, impudently their Democratic neighbors to have Curry return, Curry being the member of the board who had left the state, and open these ballots, examine them, and discover, if possible, how and by whom this great fraud had been committed, but they failed. The judge of the circuit court issued a writ of mandamus, holding that the board of canvassers was not dissolved, but stood adjourned, and required the members to assemble and complete the canvass and declare the result, but Curry kept out of the reach of the court. Means, the other member of the canvassing board, answered the mandamus, saying that he could not sign the record as prepared and signed by Curry, because he believed it did not state facts; that he was ready and willing to join Curry in making a full canvass and in declaring the true result.

The matter has thus stood open for more than a month. The 19th instant was the time for the regular term of the county court. It was well known that the Democrats would endeavor to organize the court by seating a member not elected, and hence last Saturday, after giving ample time for a full canvass, Mr. Means made a record as he believed the result of the election to be. He simply concurs in the record made by Curry except as to the house of delegates and one member of the county court, and as to these he says he believes the returns made by the election officers are correct. What else could he do? Join with Curry and certify to what he believes to be false? Why did not Curry remain in the state and at his post of duty until his work was done? When he found that his record was rejected by his colleague why not examine the records until a satisfactory record could be made?

Every sensible, honest man in the county knows that a fraud has been committed. A change of over 100 votes was made in three voting places where there were less than 600 votes cast. This could not occur by mistake. We can not assume that the officers conducting the election, composed of Democrats and Republicans, were such fools that they made more than one mistake in every six votes. The records of the canvassing board were kept open for more than a month to give the Democrats an opportunity to investigate the returns, and the circuit court issued a mandamus to require the investigation. They evaded the process of the court, and refused to convene the canvassing board, and now that they are defeated, and their attempt to steal thwarted, they set up a howl of fraud and revolution. All honest men will understand this.

Here are the ballots in the clerk's office, at Grafton, and they refused to inspect them in open daylight and by a fair tribunal. The ballots are still accessible. Let "Nate" Curry contest and appeal to the ballots. It will not be done. These ballots will never be inspected if the Democratic conspirators can avoid it.

Grafton, Dec. 21.

REPUBLICAN.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Grafton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now in well and healthy condition." Trial bottles free at Logan Drug Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Special Notice.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railway has extended the limit on their holiday tickets to January 3. For tickets to all points in C. P. A. territory, apply to city ticket office, corner Twelfth and Market streets.



THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.
The Handsome Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Who Will Come Here to See the Country and Hunt in the Rockies.

The most delightful thing from an international standpoint lately received here are to the effect that Friedrich Wilhelm, crown prince of Germany, wants to visit America, and that his father is willing that he should come. If he does so he will be received by the President with all state, and after our

public ceremonies have been attended to he will be entertained in private circles. As yet there has been no talk of an international marriage, but of course that will follow later. It is doubtful if the prince can marry outside his own country without great sacrifice, but that will not prevent the matchmakers from introducing him to every eligible heiress.

WAS WELL KNOWN.

Death of William Rutledge, Hotel Proprietor, of Martinsburg.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 22.—William Rutledge, proprietor of the Hotel Berkeley, of this city, died suddenly of apoplexy to-day, in the sixty-third year of his age. Mr. Rutledge was born in York county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1836. He came to this city in 1869 and opened a hotel then known as the American House. After conducting this for a short time he took charge of the Everett House until 1877 when he became proprietor of the Continental Hotel, where he remained until 1895, when he removed to Berkeley Springs and took charge of it. He was married, Mrs. John E. Feldman, of Hagerstown; Mrs. Mamie Rutledge, Miss Lelia Rutledge, and one son, Mr. Edward Rutledge, cashier of the Citizens' National bank, of this city.

Mr. Rutledge was a very prominent hotel manager and was well known to traveling men who stopped at his house. The deceased is survived by a wife, who was a Miss Annie F. Lambert, daughter of David Lambert, of near Emmitsburg, Md.; three daughters, Mrs. John E. Feldman, of Hagerstown; Mrs. Mamie Rutledge, Miss Lelia Rutledge, and one son, Mr. Edward Rutledge, cashier of the Citizens' National bank, of this city.

Mules for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The ship Tacoma will sail to-day for Honolulu with 111 army mules on board. At Honolulu the mules will be turned out for a few weeks exercise and will then be reshipped along with 200 mules and horses already in Honolulu and the whole lot will be taken to Manila for the use of the United States troops stationed there. In addition to the live stock the Tacoma carries in her hold a large assortment of wagons, dump carts, grading plows and other things necessary for the work of improving the roads in the Philippines. Lieutenant J. O'Shea, Fourth United States Cavalry, is in charge of the live stock on the Tacoma. A veterinary surgeon and fifty-two men will aid in caring for the animals. Of these men three are members of the Fourth Cavalry.

A Serious Charge.

TOLEDO, OHIO, Dec. 22.—William G. Spaulding, cashier of the German-American bank at Port Clinton, and Mrs. Martha E. Jamieson, of this city, have been arrested on the charge of causing the death of Miss Amy Meeker by performing a criminal operation upon her. It is said that Spaulding has made a confession. The dead woman was a daughter of Captain Meeker, who lives at Locust Point, a few miles west of Port Clinton. Spaulding is connected with the prominent Spaulding family, owners of vessels and fruit growers. He was prominent in Port Clinton society.

Against French Extension.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—The United States minister here, Edwin H. Conger, has entered a protest against the proposed extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghai. This, added to the vigorous British protest on the same subject, will undoubtedly stiffen Chinese resistance to the French demand, but, unless the Chinese are sustained they will be compelled eventually to yield.

PAINS in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by druggists.

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MOTHERS, DON'T SCOLD

Your Children—They are not to Blame—Try to Help Them.

Many a Wheeling mother on reading this will appreciate the boon the information will bring. Thousands of children have been scolded time and again for a so-called habit, when they are not to blame. Wet beds have been the result of the little ones night after night, and no amount of scolding or chiding could prevent a repetition. If mothers only knew their little boys and girls were not to blame; they cannot help it. It is not a habit, it is simply weak kidneys. At last a preparation has been found so gentle in its action that the youngest child can take it. We refer to Doan's Kidney Pills, and when the public know it there need be nothing but sweet, dry beds for the children and no more need for scolding. Read what an Ashabula mother has to say about it:

Mrs. E. B. Crues, No. 239 Prospect street, Ashabula, says: "I got Doan's Kidney Pills for my little boy, thirteen years old, who has been since he was nine years old troubled with a weakness of the renal organs. At that time he was taken with spasms that physicians attributed to worms. These were checked in time, but his kidneys did not regain their strength, and non-retention of urine while sleeping has embarrassed the little fellow very much and caused much annoyance to me. We have had him treated by physicians without his obtaining any relief in that particular way, and you can realize how pleased we are to be able to check it by using Doan's Kidney Pills. Immediately we began his kidneys grew stronger. I know that there are many children that way, and that mothers would be only too glad to learn of a cure. I can without any hesitancy recommend these pills for that, and you may refer me to that respect."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

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"CORPUS DELICTI"

A Case in Chicago Similar to that of Luetgert.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The coroner's inquest was begun to-day in the case of Mrs. Michael Rollinger, who the police assert, was murdered and partially cremated by her husband. The accused man somewhat startled the police and spectators when confronted by Lena Hecker, the woman for whose sake the crime is alleged to have been committed, by stolidly staring at her and then declaring that he did not know her and had never even met her before. This action on the part of the accused man, coupled with his apparent indifference to his surroundings, lead the police to believe that Rollinger is feigning insanity.

The Journal to-day points out twenty points of remarkable similarity between the Rollinger case and that of Adolph Luetgert, now serving a life sentence for wife murder. Love of a woman other than his wife is asserted to have been the leading cause of both alleged murders. Each of the murders, it is claimed, was by strangulation. Both men, one of whom was a sausage maker and a German, the other a butcher and an Austrian, quarreled continually with their wives, and both suffered business reverses prior to the alleged crimes. Luetgert and Rollinger were well acquainted with each other and lived in the same quarter of the city. In the Rollinger case, as in the Luetgert, a wedding ring will play an important part in the establishment of the corpus delicti. Mrs. Rollinger's body has been exhumed and her wedding ring cut from her finger.

To Muster out Troops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The war department has not yet made definite plans for the muster out of the 50,000 volunteers which was decided at the cabinet meeting yesterday, but it is understood that this work will be pretty well mapped out by the first of the year. The time required to complete the muster out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of a two-month furlough or of an immediate discharge with two months' extra pay, as suggested by Congressman Hull. There are a number of regiments which have already returned from foreign service and are awaiting their discharge in this country. Among these are the First Engineers at New York and the Sixth Massachusetts at Boston. These it is understood, are slated for early discharge.

It has been practically decided also to muster out all the volunteers in the Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island.

Rests with Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special from Washington says: David J. Hill, assistant secretary of state, said that the disposition of the property of the Catholic church in the Philippines rests with Congress and not with the state department. He continued:

"I should think that a court similar to that which was organized after the annexation of our Mexican possessions will be the proper way to determine the ownership of landed estates. This court of private land claims has examined the title of innumerable pieces of church property in New Mexico, Arizona and California and it has given universal satisfaction.

"There is no reason whatever for Catholics to think that their churches will not be honorably treated by the United States government. Nor is there any reason for any one to believe that the administration will not proceed on broad lines, aiming to form for the Philippine islands a government which will develop them socially, religiously and materially."

A Ripe old age.

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—News of the death of Patrick Haggerty, probably the oldest man in the state, reached his friends in Malone to-day. Mr. Haggerty would have been 109 years old on the 17th of March next, and was wonderfully preserved mentally and physically. He enjoyed his newspaper, reading the finest type readily without glasses. He was regular in his habits and was always an early riser. He was an inveterate smoker from childhood, when he commenced the use of tobacco on the advice of physicians. He resided a few miles south of Potsdam.

Saved by a Bird.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 22.—The north-bound passenger train on the L. & G. N. road narrowly missed a serious wreck forty miles below here through the intervention of a bird. Some miscreant had tied a rail securely across the track. Just a few miles before reaching the spot a bird, blinded by the headlights, flew across the track, breaking it and extinguishing the light. This necessitated running slowly to the next station. The train proceeding at reduced speed struck the obstruction, tearing up the track and damaging the front of the engine. No one was hurt.

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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, AT BALTIMORE, IN SAID DISTRICT.

CONSOLIDATED CASES, IN EQUITY, THE MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY, PLAINTIFFS, VS. BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY ET AL.

The undersigned have been appointed Special Masters by an order entered in this case on the 16th day of November, 1898, "to take the necessary accounts, hear evidence, and report to the court the nature and amount of all the indebtedness of The